

Washington State Parameters for Child and Family Outcomes Measurement Project and Data Collection*



- Collection and reporting State Performance Plan data, including child and family outcomes is a federal requirement and not an option.
- Reports must be aggregated data for state and local geographic areas and are to be reported to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, the Governor, and the public.
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) teams will complete and collect data for **child outcomes**. The National Early Childhood Outcomes Center Summary Form and process has been modified for Washington and will be used statewide. ITEIP worked with a stakeholder advisory group and the State Interagency Coordinating Council to determine that this was the best approach. Five sites piloted process and forms and their input has been incorporated into Washington's implementation training.
- Parents and families will be involved in child and family outcome measurement and skill summary discussions and collection. The ECO Center narrative terms will be used to define skills and progress for each child at entry into and exit from the Washington ITEIP and services.
- Beginning July 1, 2007, an entry child outcome summary needs to be completed for each child entering ITEIP. Exit summaries must be completed for all children leaving ITEIP who have entry summaries AND who have been in early intervention services for six months or more as soon as this occurs after July 1, 2007.
- Measurement will occur for all children/families served for at least six months. This process requires an IFSP team as determined by the child's needs. The team will discuss and work together for consensus on summaries of child's skills and progress made. Teams must include the professional licensed or credentialed to evaluate, assess, and explain results, the parent(s), and the FRC assigned to the family/child at time of entry and time of exit.
- More than one evaluation and assessment tool is allowed for use at entry and exit times when measuring and collecting child outcomes data. Functional outcomes measured will be incorporated.
- The Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP) Data Management System will be updated to collect, record, and generate aggregate reports for child outcome data. Until the system is reprogrammed and ready, electronic or paper summary forms will be required.
- Teams may choose to do outcome summary's forms more often than at entry and exit. If so, they need to clearly document them as NOT the entry or exit form.
- **Family outcomes** will be measured by use of the National Early Childhood Outcome Center (ECO). This survey tool will be used consistently statewide. ITEIP will ask local lead agencies for assistance with distribution by this fall. The Data Management System will be updated to include the ECO Survey, so it can be shared with families at the time of annual IFSP meeting and at the time of transition at age three.